

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 16, and 17 have been cancelled. The claims remaining in the application are 2, 8-15, and 18-23.

Drawings

A copy of the formal drawings are submitted herewith. Approval by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-7, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shirakawa et al. (U.S. 7,050,098). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1, 3-7, 16, and 17 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

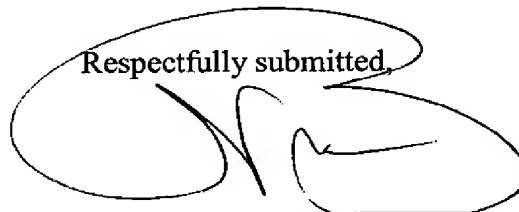
Claims 8-15, 18, 19, and 21-23 have been objected to.

CONCLUSION

Dependent claims not specifically addressed add additional limitations to the independent claims, which have been distinguished from the prior art and are therefore also patentable.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that additional modifications to the claims are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below for a telephone interview and Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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